

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Abingdon Division

February 24, 2025  
LAURA A. AUSTIN, CLERK  
BY: /s/ Robin Bordwine  
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ELMER T. PRESTON,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No. 1:23cv00053-JPJ-PMS
	)	
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY	)	
COLLEGE SYSTEM,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**ORDER**

This matter is before the court on the Motion To Withdraw As Counsel, (Docket Item No. 46) (“Motion”), filed by plaintiff’s counsel. Based on the arguments and representations contained in the Motion, the Motion is **GRANTED**, and plaintiff’s counsel, Cerid E. Lugar, is relieved as counsel of record for the plaintiff in this case.

It is **ORDERED** that the plaintiff, Elmer T. Preston, shall have 30 days from the date of entry of this Order to retain substitute counsel. If no attorney enters an appearance for the plaintiff within this period, the plaintiff shall proceed in this matter unrepresented.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the deadline for the plaintiff to provide his discovery responses, which are currently due to defense counsel, is **STAYED** temporarily pending the appearance of substitute counsel.

The Clerk’s Office shall provide a copy of this Order to all counsel of record and to Elmer T. Preston.

**ENTERED:** February 24, 2025.

/s/ Pamela Meade Sargent  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE